

Ms. Kay Kaufman Sheelmay of Massachusetts to fill the unexpired term of Mr. David W. Robinson; and Mr. John Penn Fix, III, of Washington to a 6-year term.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. LIPINSKI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HILL of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MINGE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

WASTEFUL SPENDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to continue speaking out tonight about very wasteful spending by the Federal Government. One of the most wasteful, extravagant programs in the entire Federal Government is the Job Corps. It is now costing about \$26,000 a year to put a student through this program, \$26,000 a year. We could give each of

these young people a \$1,000 a month allowance, send them to some expensive private school and still save money. If we did that, these kids would feel like they had won a lottery, they would be so happy. We are still giving this scandalously wasteful program increases each year. The bill that will be before us next week increases the Job Corps appropriation to \$1.4 billion. If this bill or this program was good for children, then it would be worthwhile spending. However, the GAO has reported that only about 12 percent of the young people in this program end up in jobs for which they were trained, and that is after you give the Job Corps every benefit of the doubt and stretch the definition of a Job Corps type job to ludicrous limits. Actually the Job Corps is very harmful to young people. It takes money from parents and families, money that they could be spending on their children, and gives it instead to Federal bureaucrats and fat cat government contractors. That is who really benefits from the Job Corps program, the bureaucrats and the contractors.

Also, there has been a real crime problem in the Job Corps program, including murders and many drug-related and very serious crimes. People who really want to help children would vote to end this very wasteful program or at least make them bring their cost per student down. \$26,000 per year per Job Corps student is just ridiculous.

Second, Mr. Speaker, I consider national defense to be one of the most important and legitimate functions of our national government, and the military is continually crying about a shortage of funds. Yet we find that the Air Force has spent \$1.5 million to remodel the house of the commandant at the Air Force Academy including \$267,000 simply to redo the kitchen. \$267,000 should have bought a beautiful new home instead of being just blown on a kitchen. Now we find that the Navy has taken \$10,260,000 from operations and family housing accounts to fix up the residences of three admirals. This comes out to more than \$3,420,000 per home. These were the houses of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, the Commandant of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and the Commander of the Pacific Fleet in Honolulu.

Let me quickly mention two other examples of very wasteful spending.

A few years ago I read a column by Henry Kissinger which said that the \$50 to \$60 billion we had sent in aid to Russia over the previous 5 years or so had just been wasted. In 1991, Senator Sam Nunn, the Georgia Democrat, said giving monetary aid to the Soviet Union was like throwing money into a cosmic black hole. But do we ever learn? No. Now we find out many billions more of U.S. taxpayer money to Russia has been put into private accounts that are hidden all over the world, and our wealthy elitist foreign policy establish-

ment will make fun of and sarcastically criticize anyone who opposes sending Russia many billions more.

One final example is the \$625,000 taxpayers have been ordered to pay by a Federal judge because Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin illegally withheld documents in a lawsuit over Indian trust funds. The judge regretted that the burden would fall on taxpayers and that he could not fine the Cabinet secretaries themselves.

We see over and over and over again that the Federal Government cannot do anything in an economical, efficient, low-cost manner. We see over and over again that today we have a Federal Government that is of, by and for the bureaucrats instead of one that is of, by and for the people.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we see over and over again that if you want money to be wasted and spent in ridiculous, lavish ways, just send it to the Federal Government.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we have had a tremendous debate all evening on managed care, and we will continue to do so even tomorrow.

I received a letter from a physician in my community that I think reflects the position that Americans should take on this issue. It comes from a Dr. Elizabeth Burns, medical doctor, professor and head, College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago. Doctor BURNS said:

Dear Representative Davis:

As a practicing family physician in your district, I want to ask you to support meaningful management care reform when it is considered in October by the House of Representatives. Your support for the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999, H.R. 2723, or the Health Care Quality Choice Act of 1999, H.R. 2824, would be responsive to the needs of my patients and your constituents. Meaningful, comprehensive managed care reform is greatly needed right now in your district.

Below are the principles I see as important in any managed care reform proposal:

Reforms need to cover all health care plans, not just self-funded plans. Patient protections should protect all patients.

Gag clause protections need to be extended to all physicians. Physician patient communication must be protected and extended to health insurers' contracts. Unfettered medical communication is undeniably in the best interests of patients, all patients. Any final bill needs specific language stipulating that any provision of a contract between a health plan and a physician that restricts physician-patient communication is null and void.

Physician advocacy must be protected. Managed care reform must include provisions to prevent retaliation